

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn - Currently Amended): A spring with high durability ~~coated with two layers consisting of an undercoat layer which is composed of an epoxy resin powder coating containing 75 wt % or more of zinc, and a topcoat layer which is formed on said undercoat layer and composed of an epoxy polyester resin powder coating obtained according to the method of claim 5.~~

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of coating a spring with high durability, which comprises:

forming a zinc phosphate film on the uncoated outer surface of said spring;
preheating said zinc phosphate film coated spring to a temperature of from 70°C to 180°C;

adhering an undercoat comprising an undercoating step of making an epoxy resin powder coating, which comprises and 75 wt % or more of zinc, adhere to a surface of said the preheated zinc phosphate film coated spring;

heating the undercoated spring at a temperature of from 90°C to 180°C;

adhering a topcoat comprising a topcoating step of making an epoxy polyester resin powder coating adhere to an undercoat film composed of said epoxy resin powder coating the undercoated spring; and

a baking step of baking said undercoat film and said epoxy polyester resin powder coating adhered to said undercoat film the topcoated spring at a temperature of from 160°C to 220°C,

wherein

said undercoat comprising an epoxy resin powder coating comprises 0.2 to 5 wt% of block isocyanate,

a thickness of the undercoat film is 50 µm or more,

said topcoat comprising an epoxy polyester resin powder coating comprises at least one of a color pigment and an extender pigment, and

a thickness of [[a]] ~~the topcoat film comprising the epoxy polyester resin powder coating~~ is 200 to 1200 μm .

Claims 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of coating a spring with high durability as claimed in claim 5, wherein said undercoat comprising an epoxy resin powder coating ~~includes comprises~~ at least one of bisphenol A type epoxy resin, bisphenol F type epoxy resin and crystalline epoxy resin.

Claims 10-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method of coating a spring with high durability as claimed in claim 5, wherein said topcoat comprising an epoxy polyester resin powder coating ~~includes comprises~~ at least one of bisphenol A type epoxy resin, bisphenol F type epoxy resin, and crystalline epoxy resin, and polyester resin.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method of coating a spring with high durability as claimed in claim 5, wherein the thickness of the undercoat ~~film~~ is 60 μm or more.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method of coating a spring with high durability as claimed in claim 5, wherein the thickness of the topcoat ~~film~~ is 400 to 1200 μm .